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UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed simultaneously with the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted in a prior application Serial Nos. 09/161,493 and 07/736,282, filed September 28, 1998 and July 25, 1991, respectively, upon which Applicants rely on for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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